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Please amend the claims to read as follows:

1. (currently amended) A system including  
one or more business entities defining a head of a  
supply chain;  
one or more sets of tiers of suppliers, wherein each  
said set of tiers is disposed in an extended supply chain;  
a workstation coupled to said one or more business  
entities and said one or more sets of tiers of suppliers;  
a database including information from said one or more  
sets of tiers of suppliers relating to two or more of the  
following: price, inventory, delivery schedules, backorders and  
supply interruptions, exceptional events, contracts, and past  
transactions;  
a dictionary of translations that can be used to  
translate the content of transitive information in said  
information from said one or more sets of tiers of suppliers for  
cross-tier communication in said extended supply chain; and  
an order collaboration system coupled to said  
workstation, whereby said one or more business entities can view  
updates to supply chain conditions for said plurality of said  
tiers.